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title: Need to establish a Cultural Centre at Deoghar in Jharkhand.

SHRI NISHIKANT DUBEY(GODDA) : Deoghar, which falls under Santhal Pargana region, is a unique and extremely revered site of one of the 51 Shaktipeeths and also of the Dwadash Jyotirlinga in the country. This is a religious and cultural capital of Eastern India which catapults the holy place to an international acclaim and is visited by over 5 crore pilgrims every year. Other prominent personalities associated with the place like Guru Rabindernath Tagore wanted to set up Shantiniketan here. Mahatma Gandhi in his biography mentioned this place as his ashram, Maharishi Arvind who shifted to Puducheery from here only, this place is also the birth place of well known social reformer Late Ishwar Chand Vidyasagar.

The potential for cultural tourism of Deoghar in Jharkhand is still insufficiently researched and poorly utilized. The state as a whole is not valued as a cultural destination, this often results in neglect of the State's hidden cultural treasures. Deoghar cultural centre will conceptualize the aim of projecting cultural kinship which transcends territorial boundaries. Besides this, Food craft institute at Deoghar is also pending with the Ministry which requires early sanction.